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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Practitioner's Docket No. 191/001/DIV1

In the Application of:)	
Utermohlen, Joseph, et al)	Group No.: 1637
Serial No: 10/652,676)	
Filed: 08/28/2003)	Examiner: Tung, Joyce
For: Hybridization Buffers Using Low Molecular Weight Dextran Sulfate and Methods for Their Us) e)	

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to reply to an Office Communication mailed on May 17, 2006.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
- 3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
- 4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for other than small entity:

one month

\$120.00

Fee \$120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request

\$ 120.00

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5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on September 18, 2006.

6. Fee Payment

Charge fee to Account No. 50-0861. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Date: 9-18-06

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